

REMARKS


Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-21, 31-44 and 57-62, drawn to separation methods, classified in class 530, subclass 415 for continued examination, without traverse. Applicant reserves the right to pursue these claims in one or more continuation and/or divisional applications. Additionally, Applicant hereby elects the species of ion exchange chromatography for prosecution on the merits. The claims readable on the elected species include claims 1-62.

Having made this election, Applicant expressly reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications on the subject matter of the non-elected claims. Applicant requests that if a product claim is found allowable, process claims that depend from or otherwise include all the limitations of the allowable product claim to be rejoined in accordance with provisions of MPEP § 821.04 and that the rejoined process claims will be fully examined for patentability in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.104. Upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicant requests consideration of claims to additional species that are written in dependent form or otherwise include in all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. No new matter has been added.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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